

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*May 24 – May 31*

Wed. May 27 – 6:30pm: Daily Vespers

Sat. May 30 – 6:30pm: Great Vespers with Litia for Pentecost

Sun. May 31 – 9:00am: Matins

Sun. May 31 – 10:00am: Festal Liturgy

**Sun. May 31 – 12:00pm: Kneeling Vespers**

*\*\*\*Confessions are heard following Vespers and by appointment\*\*\**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **WELCOME** to all who are visiting with us today! We hope you will feel at home here and, if you do not already have a church home, will consider becoming a part of the Saint Herman Church community.
- ❖ **PENTECOST KNEELING VESPERS** will be next Sunday May 31 at noon.
- ❖ **DIPNETS** will be blessed Sunday June 7 after Liturgy.
- ❖ **THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR WILL BE on Saturday, May 30th, 2015 from 11am-5pm.** Volunteers are needed. Please see Kim Meals or Anna Phelps. Come and enjoy some of your favorite foods such as gyros, locally made sausages, hot dogs, homemade pie, old fashioned sodas and floats, and more tasty treats. Enjoy the petting zoo, face painting, bounce house, and play many of the carnival games to win great prizes! Compete in the relay races, tug of war and pie eating contest. Try to win a cake in the ultimate cake walk and peruse the Trading Post for handmade items from local artisans and more. Come and enjoy a festival of food, games, prizes and family fun at the Country Fair! For more information and updates about the Country Fair, please visit:  
[facebook.com/SaintHermansAnnualCountryFair](https://www.facebook.com/SaintHermansAnnualCountryFair)

# SAINT HERMAN

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West*

### PRIMATE and DIOCESAN HIERARCH

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH

### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Matthew Howell

### DEACONS

Rev. Dn. Thomas Ross

Rev. Dn. John Phelps

### Contact Information

6988 N. En Dove Road  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

Office Telephone: (907)373-5254  
Pastor's Cell Phone: (916)396-6325

[FrMatthewHowell@gmail.com](mailto:FrMatthewHowell@gmail.com)  
[www.SaintHermanWasilla.org](http://www.SaintHermanWasilla.org)

*Sunday of the  
Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ecumenical Council*

*May 24, 2015*

### A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome! In the Orthodox Church, reception of the Holy Eucharist is reserved for baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christians who have *prepared by prayer, fasting and a recent confession*. If you are visiting from a non-Orthodox church or otherwise are not prepared to commune today, you are welcome to receive some of the unconsecrated, blessed bread which the acolytes are holding. We pray for all to be united in the Body and Blood of Christ! If you would like to learn how you can enter into communion with the Orthodox Church, please speak with our clergy.

## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I

## THE GOSPEL (CONTINUED)

came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

## SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE DAY

Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension;

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council  
Venerable Simeon Stylites the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and  
Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia;  
Venerable Vincent of Lerins

## A GOOD WORD

### *VITAMINS FOR THE SOUL*

- ❖ "Everything has already begun, and everything always begins anew for the Church, with the Resurrection of our Lord." – Patr. IGNATIUS IV
- ❖ "We are called out from amongst our people to not be conformed to the world, but rather to the Image and Likeness of Jesus Christ. Just as there is perfect unity between the Father and the Son, so too, we are called to unity amongst ourselves." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH
- ❖ "With Thee, Lord, I will flee, that I may gain in Thy life in every place. The prison with Thee is no prison, for in Thee man goes up into Heaven: the grave with Thee is no grave, for Thou art the Resurrection!" -- St. Ephraim the Syrian
- ❖ "You were raised up on the cross, O Christ our God, not in order to manifest Your powerlessness over the world, but in order to manifest the world's powerlessness over You." -- St. Nikolai Velimirovich
- ❖ "Meet it is to worship the Father Who sent us His only-begotten Son, Who saved our race from death and Satan, and sits at the right hand of His Father entreating His compassion on behalf of all of us." -- St. Ephraim the Syrian

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*On break for the summer. Classes will resume August 25.*